Exclusion of non- banking financial companies from Companies Act

853. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal .from FICCI for exclusion of non-banking financial companies from the Companies Act;

(b) if so, when such request was received by Government; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(c) and (c) Do not arise.

Public limited companies not paying dividend during 2000-2001

854. SHRI YADLAPATIVENKATRAO: Will the Minister ofLAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public limited companies as on 31st March, 2001 in the country;

(b) the number and percentage of public limited companies that have in spite of earning profit not paid any dividend during 2000-2001; and

(c) the number of private limited companies which suffered loss during 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) the total number of public limited companies in the country as on 31.3.2001 was 76,260.

(b) and (c) Such information is not maintained.

Purchase of cranes for Chennai Port Trust

855. SHRI K.KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether three massive cranes costing Rs.27.10 crore were bought for Chennai Port Trust but they are lying idle;

(b) whether these cranes cannot be put to use; and